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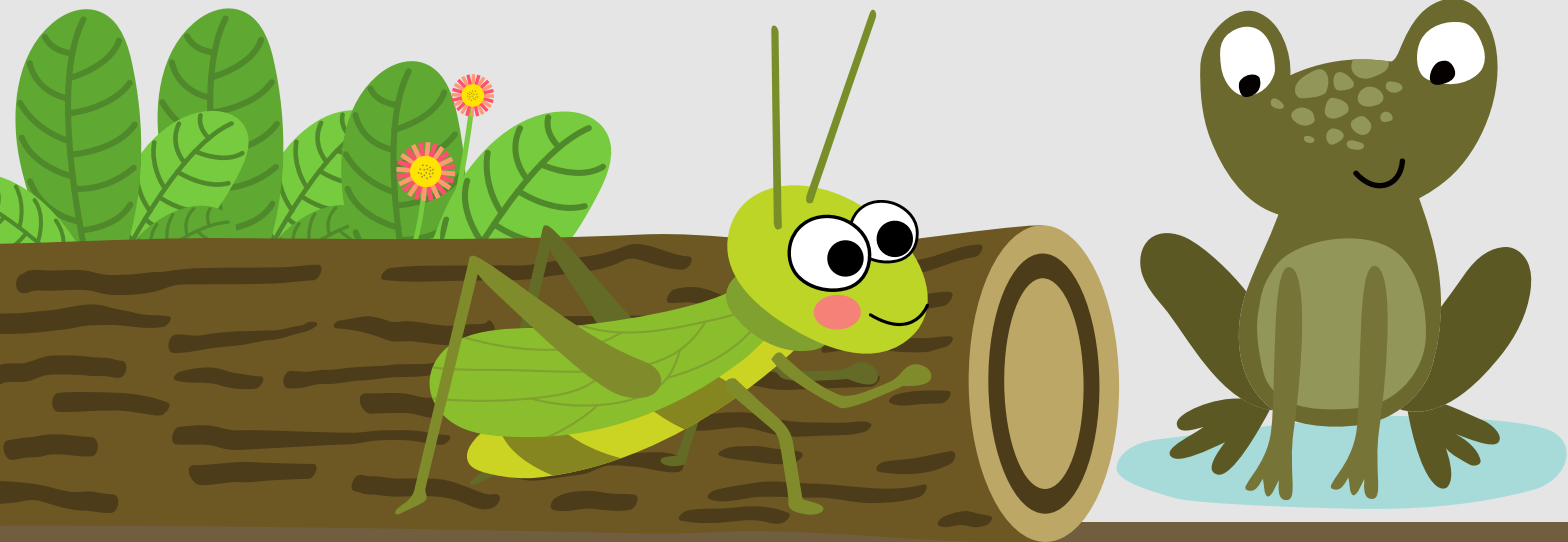
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THE GRASSHOPPER
AND THE TOAD

FOLKTALE

The Grasshopper and the Toad



A toad and a grasshopper were the best of friends. Though they were together all the time, they never ate at each other's places. One day, the toad invited the grasshopper over to his place. "I would like you to come to my place for dinner tomorrow night. My wife and I will cook a special meal for you," the toad said.

So, the following day, the grasshopper arrived at the toad's place in the evening. It was dinner time and before they sat for dinner, the toad requested the grasshopper to wash his forelegs as he did. The grasshopper too rubbed his forelegs together to wash them but it made a very loud noise.

"Your legs are making too much noise. I cannot eat in such noise," the toad said. The grasshopper tried his best to eat without making any noise, but he failed. Every time he took a bite, it made some noise. Throughout the dinner, the toad asked the grasshopper several times to stop chirping. The grasshopper eventually got offended. He had an idea and invited the toad for dinner very next day.

Next day, the toad arrived for dinner at the grasshopper's place on time. The grasshopper washed his forelegs and asked

the toad to do the same. The toad washed his forelegs and hopped towards the food.

"Dear friend, please wash your forelegs again. They became dirty again as you hopped towards the food."

The toad was a little offended but he followed the order of his friend. This time he came back after washing his forelegs and was about to take some food from the platter when the grasshopper stopped him rudely.

"Please do not touch the food with your dirty hands. You must clean your forelegs first," the grasshopper said.

The frog lost his temper. He said, "Why are you behaving like this? If you don't want me to eat with you, you might as well tell me that. It's understood that I have to reach the food table by hopping with my forearms. They will get a little dirty. I cannot help it. You are making me feel terrible."

The grasshopper replied, "I felt the same way yesterday. You asked me to not make any noise with my forelegs when you know that it will make some noise if I rub my forelegs together. Even I cannot help it."

Since then, their friendship was destroyed and they never became friends again.

find ten birds, animals and insects in the picture



Pondering corner

Why are Red
Pandas
Endangered?



The red panda is a mammal with red-brown fur, a long shaggy tail and a low gait (as it has shorter front legs). It mainly eats bamboo, but sometimes also eats eggs, birds and insects.

It is mainly active at night and sleeps through most of the day. It is also called the lesser panda, the red bear-cat and the red cat-bear.

It was earlier considered to be a part of the raccoon and bear family however, it is now considered to be in a family of its own. It is the only surviving member of the genus 'Ailurus'. Most of the red panda's habitat is in the Eastern Himalayas. It is endangered for many reasons.

A majority of its habitat which includes forests and bamboo groves is being cleared. They are often caught in traps which are meant for other animals such as deer and wild pigs. They are also hunted for their red pelts and red panda fur caps have also been found in Bhutan.

Healthy me

staying Healthy during the monsoons



The monsoons, as beautiful as they are, come with baggage. Being prepared this monsoon will save you from the trouble of falling sick later.

Stagnant pools of water are a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can spread diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya. Make sure you scan your garden and areas around the house where water can pool and gather. Keep changing the water in your cooler and swap out the water you keep out for stray dogs and birds frequently. If you have a fish pond outdoors, consider having it fitted with a water purifier pump, to avoid having to manually change the water frequently. Use natural mosquito repellents in the house and spray yourself well.

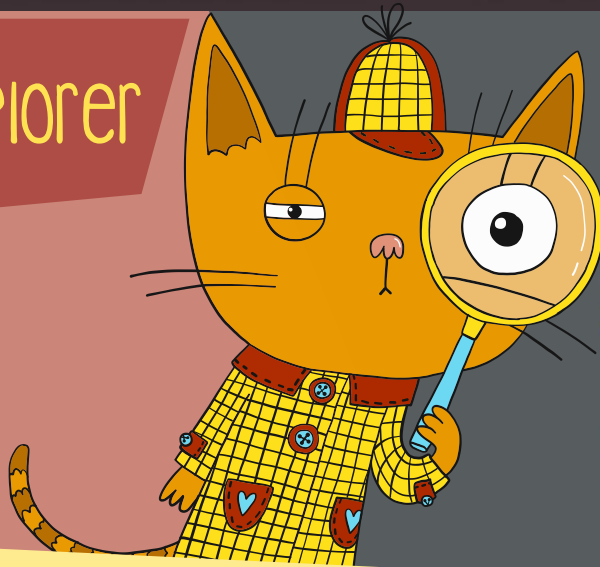
Don't step out into the rain without wearing a raincoat or carrying an umbrella. Make sure you wear shoes which keep your feet warm and dry. If you do manage to get wet, ensure you change into dry and warm clothes soon after entering the house. Add a capful of antibacterial liquid to your bathwater to stay clean and germ-free. This is the season to catch a chill easily, make sure you dry your hair well after a bath and wear loose-fitting clothes, preferably made of natural fibres like cotton and linen.

SPOT TEN DIFFERENCES



science explorer

What is forensic science?



Forensic science is a science that is used for the purposes of the law, and therefore provides unbiased scientific evidence for use in the courts of law to solve a crime and to expose the real criminal. The vital information provided by the forensic science helps justice take its rightful course. Forensic science uses a range of sciences, including biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, social science and geology to answer questions related to legal situations.

In a typical criminal investigation, crime scene investigators gather material evidence from the crime scene, victim and/or suspect.

These samples are then analyzed in a laboratory by the forensic science specialists to provide scientific evidence to aid in leading the investigation in the right direction. All forensic science investigators work in close liaison with the crime scene investigators and police officers.

In most of the cases, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profiling technology and finger prints analysis are used to investigate crimes. DNA and finger print samples collected from the crime scenes or from individuals held in police custody can be searched against the records held in the national DNA database.

TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE

Q: Why do pandas have fur coats?

A: Because they'd look stupid in denim jackets



Q: What did the panda say when he was forced out of his natural habitat?

A: This is UN-BEAR-able

Q: Did you hear about the pandas that were in a food fight?

A: They all got bamboobooos

amusing NEWS

The Real Escape Artists



Move over Houdini, there's a new escape artist in town! A red panda living in the Curraghs Wildlife Park in the Isle of Man escaped for a second time from his enclosure. He had previously gone missing for three weeks after climbing the branches of a tree that had fallen over his enclosure.



Comic story akbar Birbal



akbar's dream

One night, Emperor Akbar dreamt that he had lost all his teeth, except one. He was greatly disturbed with the strange dream. The next morning he summoned all the astrologers of his kingdom and asked them to interpret his dream.



All the astrologers held a meeting and after a long discussion, the astrologers prophesied that his dream was an indication that all his relatives would die before him.



Akbar was greatly distressed by this interpretation and so he sent away all the astrologers without any reward.



Later that day, the Emperor happened to meet Birbal. He narrated his dream to Birbal and asked him to interpret it. He also told him what the astrologers had told him.

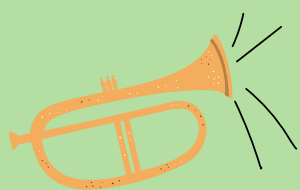


Birbal thought for a while and said, "It means, Alampanah, you will live a longer & more fulfilled life than any of your relatives."

Akbar cheered up when he heard Birbal's version and rewarded him handsomely.



Birbal had also conveyed the same thing as the astrologers to the Emperor, but in an intelligent manner.



fun with words



fill in the blanks with the correct words starting with P.

1. Polly the  is very talkative = _____

2.  is my favourite fruit = _____

3. She bought herself a  necklace = _____

Answers: 1. Parrots, 2. Pear, 3. Pearl

The little red panda lay curled up next to her mother, snoring softly. She'd fed her lots of young, delicious bamboo and now her stomach was full and she was happy. She woke up to feel a tug on her tail. It was her little brother, "Come on, come on! Let's go play!"

complete the story...



fun facts

With Hamlet the Hamster

To know or not to know,
that is the question!

Well, wouldn't you prefer to know?

Facts about Red Pandas

- Red pandas live in the mountains of Nepal, central China and northern Myanmar in rainy, high-altitude temperate and tropical forests.
- They share a name with the more famous giant panda, but are not closely related. In fact, the name 'panda' was first applied to these animals, and not to the larger black-and-white bear.
- They have a modified wrist bone that acts like a thumb, helping them grasp bamboo when feeding.
- Red pandas are similar in size to the common house cat.



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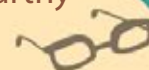
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